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TOGETHER WE SERVE ...

- Abbottsburg, Beards Chapel, Bethel, First Baptist, Bladenboro, Briar Branch, Butters, Center Road, Christ Community, Clarkton, Council, Cypress Creek, Dublin FBC, Delco, First Baptist, Elizabethtown, Faith, Friendship, Galeed, Good News, Grace, Greater Vision, Hickory Grove, Lisbon, Love Grove, New Center, Northside, Open Door Min., Renacer, Iglesia, Richardson, Riverside, Sandy Grove, Second Chance, Shady Grove, Suggs Grove, Tar Heel, The Lake Church, Union Grove, West Bladenboro, White Lake, White Oak, White's Creek, Zion Hill

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Permit No. 35

Gifts to Budget (Jan - Sept.)

Table with 2 columns: Church Name, Amount. Includes entries like Abbottsburg: \$ 0.00, Beards Chapel: \$ 0.00, Bethel: \$ 4,140.00, etc. Total: \$ - 19,577.23

From Rev. David Foster:

We are living in a time when many do not know what to do. Those who say they are using science, facts, and data, to guide their decision-making are constantly having to adjust their decisions.

What guides your decision-making process? I want to pass on to you a story I read which blessed me and got me thinking. It was shared by David Lane.

Hendrik Kraemer was a lay missionary from the Dutch church in Holland during World War II. The Nazi Gestapo dominated the nation of Holland, forcing Dutch Jews to places like Buchenwald and Dachau.

Late one night a group of Dutch laypersons came to see Hendrik Kraemer. They said to him, "Dr. Kraemer, what shall we do? Our neighbors are dying. We don't know what is going to become of us as a nation. Please, please, if you can, tell us what to do. We have got to do something, and we have got to do it now."

Hendrik Kraemer said to them, "I am not going to tell you what to do, but I will tell you who you are. And if you know who you are, then you will know what to do." He opened his Bible to 1 Peter and began to read: "You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a dedicated nation, and a people claimed by God as his own, to proclaim the triumphs of Him who has called you out of darkness and into his marvelous light."

Dr. Kraemer closed his Bible. "Do you know who you are?" he asked, "Then you'll know what to do." Thanking him, the group left his house. That night, they formed the Dutch Resistance.

We are the people of the sovereign, almighty God. Reread the passage Hendrik Kraemer shared with those laypersons, 1 Peter 2:9. That is who we are! We are part of the family of God! We have a purpose to fulfill. We are to proclaim His glory! That's who we are, now we know what we are to do. Let us get about living out His purpose.

**Birthdays: (October)**

- 03 Patricia Smith, Cypress Creek
- 07 Pastor Thomas McClusky, Delco
- 08 Kathryn Anderson, W. Bladenboro
- 09 Pastor Raeford Carter, Union Grove
- 13 Beth Foster
- 15 Petra Moreno, Renacer
- 26 Pastor Tommy Puryear, Tar Heel
- 26 Patty Miller, Clarkton
- 29 Pastor Randy Andrews, Open Door Min.



**Wedding Anniversaries:**

- 19 Pastor Richard & Patricia Smith, Cypress Creek

**Church Anniversaries:**

- 14 Pastor Gary McMillan, Friendship - 2009
- 23 Pastor Raeford Carter, Union Grove - 2006

**Birthdays: (November)**

- 04 Pastor Jimmy Strole
- 11 Dr. Mack Roberts
- 13 Hilary Cooper, Sandy Grove
- 17 Pastor David Anderson, Sandy Grove
- 18 Dot Hester
- 23 Pastor Carlton Bryan, Briar Branch
- 24 Pastor Howard Allbright, Shady Grove

**Wedding Anniversaries:**

- 19 Pastor Danny & Diffy Lewis, White Oak
- 27 Pastor Cipriano & Petra Moreno, Renacer

**Church Anniversaries:**

- 30 Dwight Holland, Second Chane - 2008

**Birthdays: (December)**

- 04 Pastor Boyd Britt, Abbottsburg
- 14 Pastor Jack Miller
- 15 Lynn Warren, Center Road
- 21 Pastor Bill Cooper, Sandy Grove
- 24 Libby Hayes, Good News
- 28 Pastor Ricky Donaldson, Northside
- 30 Pastor Arthur Smith, Grace
- 31 Pastor Walter Hayes, Suggs Grove



**Wedding Anniversaries:**

- 01 Pastor Barry & Wanda Helms
- 13 Pastor Sam & Morgan Vanslyke, FBC Bladenboro
- 14 Pastor Jack & Shirley Miller
- 29 Pastor Tom & Tracy Thomas, Love Grove

**Church Anniversaries:**

- 01 Pastor Sam Vanslyke, FBC Bladenboro - 2019

**The 129<sup>th</sup> Annual Session**  
of the Bladen Baptist Association  
**Tuesday, October 27, 2020**  
**Bethel Baptist Church**  
735 Old Hwy 41, Bladenboro NC 28320

**Pre-Registration at 6:00PM**  
**Call to Order at 6:30PM**  
Our Guest Speaker will be  
**Dr. Mack Roberts**  
**Masks, Hand Sanitizer and Social**  
**Distancing will be practiced.**

*Welcome*  
Pastor Daniel & Heather Hensley  
Associate Pastor/Minister to Students  
Dublin FBC  
Pastor Quentin & Jackie Boyce  
Zion Hill Baptist  
Dr. Rudy Ramphal  
Elizabethtown Baptist

**Ministry Opportunities ...**  
**... Through Prayer**  
**Second Chance Community Church**  
205 S. Poplar St. Elizabethtown  
**1st Monday** of each Month **7:30 PM**  
**(October 5 - November 2 - December 7)**  
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**Dublin First Baptist Church**  
7725 Albert St. Dublin (Hwy 87)  
**3rd Thursday** of each Month **9:30 AM**  
**(October 15 - November 19- December 17)**

**WMU Red Box Ministry**

Make Plans to Drop Off Your Collection of  
**Individually Wrapped Hard Candy**  
(No Soft Candy, No Chocolate, No Lollipops)



to the Bladen Baptist Association  
No later than  
**Monday, October 5 by 4:00pm**

**Appalachian Backpack Outreach**

We have backpacks, bibles and the Christmas  
Stories available for purchase and  
ready to be picked up  
Our Goal this year is to do 250 Backpacks  
Backpacks \$3 - Bibles \$7  
Christmas Story (free)



**Deadline to drop off backpacks is**  
**Thursday, November 5th**

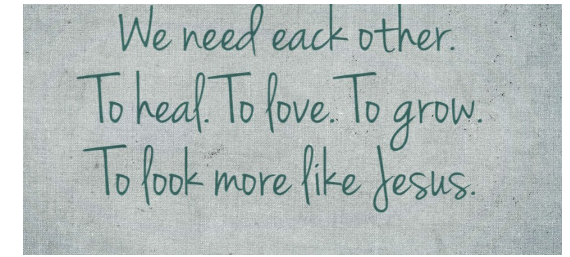
**\*\* Anyone interested in going on the trip**  
**this year to Mallory, West Virginia**  
**Trip Date: December 10-13**  
**This will be a Thursday - Sunday**  
**Cost per person: \$50**  
**Contact Rev. David Foster**  
**910.862.3496 - BBA Office**  
**252-532-5977 - Mobile**

**For More Information on these events,**  
**Visit our Website:**  
**www.bladenbaptists.com**

**... Through Substance Abuse Task Force**

No one wants to admit that it could be  
their family, their children, a relative or even  
someone dear to them, but drug abuse is real.  
It is not to be frowned upon or looked down  
at... it is a reality that is affecting families  
throughout Bladen County.

**Your Voice Needs to be Heard!!**



**... Through Meeting Needs**

**Southeastern Carolina Crossroads**

1086 Susie Sand Hill Road, Elizabethtown  
910.549.8487

A faith-based discipleship training  
station, leading men of all ages  
to the only answer... Jesus

**\*\* Urgent Need \*\***  
**Food Lion Gift Cards**  
**For the purchase of Meats**

**Cape Fear Teen Challenge**

1456 Lula Long Road, Elizabethtown  
910.801.0015

A 12-15 month residential facility for women  
overcoming life controlling issues such as  
drugs and alcohol during which time is  
spent in Bible study and education.

**Needs List:** toilet paper, paper towels, dish soap,  
Dryer sheets, Laundry Detergent, Clorox  
**Please Help with these items if you can!**